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## Man Sentenced to Prison for Killing Wife, Assaulting Infant Daughter in South Gate

A 30-year-old man was sentenced today to 69 years to life in state prison for fatally stabbing his spouse and critically injuring their 5-month-old daughter in April, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On Nov. 18, a jury found Felton Ladell Humphries Jr. of South Gate guilty of four counts in case VA141616: first-degree murder, assault with a deadly weapon, resisting, delaying or obstructing a peace officer, and interference with a police animal.

Additionally, jurors found true special allegations that the defendant personally used a deadly and dangerous weapon, a knife, and inflicted great bodily injury during the commission of the crime.

It also was found true that Humphries was previously convicted of assault with a deadly weapon in 2012.

Deputy District Attorney Amanda Luna of the Victim Impact Program, who prosecuted the case, said on the evening of April 3 Humphries attacked his wife, Alicia Williams, 32, with a knife as she was holding their 5-month-old daughter in their South Gate apartment. During the assault, Humphries also stabbed his child, the prosecutor added.

When Williams' family member went to the home to check on her, Humphries jumped out of a second-floor window and fled the area, according to the prosecutor. The family member broke down the door and found Williams and the baby severely injured.

Authorities responded to the scene and took both victims to the hospital for medical treatment. While the child survived her injuries, Williams died the next day.

According to court testimony, when authorities asked Williams who attacked her, she stated it was her husband, defendant Felton Humphries Jr.

The night of the incident, police began searching for Humphries and found him hiding underneath brush near the 710 freeway. Law enforcement directed him to surrender and then deployed a K-9. The defendant fought the dog before he was ultimately detained and taken into custody, the prosecutor said.

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